

# CIO ELECTRICAL UNION TO STRIKE TUESDAY

## *Packinghouse Labor to Walk Out; Wednesday Set as Deadline*

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## Auto Union Conference Accepts, General Motors Rejects 19½c Rise

The workers of the General Electric and Westinghouse corporations are all set to join the auto workers of General Motors on the picket lines tomorrow.

All efforts of leaders of the CIO United Electrical Workers to get the arrogant heads of the two companies to present reasonable bargaining offers for wage increases have failed. The union has briefed its 124 locals in both companies, as well as in GM's electrical division, to call their 270,000 members out tomorrow.

On Wednesday, they will be joined by 330,000 Packinghouse workers, both CIO and AFL. Efforts by a government conciliator to get the companies to bargain in good faith with the workers broke down yesterday.

Meanwhile, a conference of a hundred striking locals of the General Motors Company voted to accept the 17.5 percent increase recommended by a fact-finding committee. The company repeated its refusal to accept the recommendation.

In Steel, several locals decided to go out on strike today even though the Steel Union as a whole postponed action until next Monday. The Lackawanna steel workers continued their strike, begun last Friday while in the Calumet area strike preparations had been so thorough that over half the 80,000 workers involved were unable to go back to work because of banked furnaces.

The postponement was due to continuation of negotiations on the basis of CIO President Murray's compromise offer of a 19½ cents wage increase. The militancy of the steel workers remained high.

In oil, three companies accepted the findings of a fact-finding board granting an 18 percent wage increase. But the head of the Socony-Vacuum Company made it clear he would try to sneak in a union-busting, open-shop provision in return for the modest increase proposed.

In a telegram to President Truman, a conference of striking GM locals in Detroit declared they would ask the strike strategy committee to prepare plans for stopping of work on General Motors orders by UAW workers in tool and die plants.

Full responsibility for continuing the walkout was placed on the corporation by the conference in the telegram to the President. The union said it was willing to postpone further wage demands "in the public interest."

The conference pointed out to the President that it would return to its original 30 percent demand in the event that General Motors again turned down the panel's report.

However, the UAW told the President that local issues also at stake in the walkout must be cleared on acceptance of the wage proposal. The conference asked for reinstatement of the 1945 contract which was cancelled by General Motors after the strike started.

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# UE Members Get Strike Orders

## 124 LOCALS GET CALL TO BEGIN WALKOUTS TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (UP).—The United Electrical Workers, CIO, today notified 124 locals to go on strike as scheduled Tuesday morning in plants of General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., and General Motors Corp. The walkout will involve 200,000 workers in about 80 plants across the nation.

Neil Brant, UE international representative, said the orders were given in telegrams sent from here because the

## Bethlehem Steel Strike Continues

LACKAWANNA, N. Y., Jan. 13 (UP).—The walkout of USW-CIO workers at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's plant here will continue despite CIO president Philip Murray's announcement of a week-long nation-wide steel strike postponement, Joseph P. Molony, union district director declared tonight.

"President Murray's announcement," said Molony, "will apply to every company in the Buffalo area with the exception of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. The strike now in progress will proceed."

He said the walkout would be continued because of "two issues involved—one being wages, and the other the attempt of the company to introduce potential strike breakers in the plant to live and work."

BUFFALO, Jan. 13.—In a surprise move meant to prevent Bethlehem Steel from making its final preparations for strikebreaking, the United Steelworkers struck the big Lackawanna plant at 9 p. m. Friday night.

So successful was the sudden strike that the company, which has been making preparations to house and feed scabs, was caught flat-footed.

The company had refused to come to any agreement with the union on the question of essential maintenance men, and had taken the position that it would take care of running the plant.

### PROTEST GETS RESULTS

Pullman cars had been gotten out after protest by the union to the ODT demanding that the Pullman cars be used to bring troops back. But the company's preparations and attitude in negotiations clearly indicated that every attempt would be made to break the strike by every means, and the Lackawanna steelworkers action in striking Friday night gave the Union the first round.

Eleven thousand workers are employed in the plant, and the careful preparations for the strike were clear from the fact that salamanders appeared at each gate quickly, coke dumped for fires, coffee served from cars at the picket lines, and loudspeakers mounted on a car directed the picketing.

## Steel Workers to Hit 5 Mass. Plants Today

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 13 (UP).—More than 5,000 steelworkers in five plants in the Worcester area will strike tomorrow at 7 a. m., despite CIO President Philip Murray's agreement to postpone the nation-wide steel walkout.

Martin J. Walsh, regional director of the United Steelworkers of America, (CIO) announced tonight that the strike would be called because the workers had "other grievances" than the wage increase.

Picket lines will be set up around the Pullman-Standard Car Mfg. Co., Worcester Pressed Steel Co., Harrington & Richardson Arms Co., and Arcade Malleable Iron Co. Plants in Worcester, and also around the Whittin Machine Works plants in nearby Whitingsville.

Western Union strike in New York prevented the notice being sent by union headquarters.

He said that GE and Westinghouse had rejected the union's demand made last night that they offer a 15 cents an hour wage increase and negotiate the remainder of the union's \$2 a day demand in return for postponement of the scheduled walkout pending settlement of the steel wage dispute.

He said General Motors had rejected a demand that it abide by the recommendation of President Truman's fact-finding board providing for a 19 1/2 cents an hour wage increase.

## Packing Strike Wednesday; U. S. Effort at Parley Fails

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (UP).—Government officials, conferring here with union and packers' representatives in an attempt to head off a nation-wide meat packing strike, recessed their conference late today without, according to union members, having accomplished anything toward settlement.

"We're exactly where we were before," a union attorney said. Another meeting was scheduled for 9 p. m. EST.

### Previous Meeting Of No Avail

By CARL HIRSCH

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—A round of conciliation meetings with each of the Big Four packers failed to change the plans of 335,000 AFL and CIO packinghouse workers to strike on Wednesday.

Leaders of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers Union reported that the packers had refused to budge from their offer of 7 1/2-cent wage increases, in the face of the union's demand for 25 cents.

Meanwhile, the union called on the Administration to "hold the line" on prices.

"The United Packinghouse Workers of America unequivocally support the position of the CIO on the need for continued and effective price control," declared Lewis J. Clark, International president, in a statement issued today explaining the union's position on wage and price increases.

The CIO meatpacking union statement pointed out that it is "aware of the grave dangers in-

herent in any inflationary movement," and that "inflation is another form of cutting wages."

Asserting that the price question raised by the packers "is a spurious issue," the union called attention to the rejection of Swift and Company of "government's suggestion to increase prices on government purchases which would increase the company's income without placing additional burdens on the public." The statement went on to say that "Swift continues to insist, however, on its right to profiteer—what is sought is 'not relief for the needy but for the greedy.'"

The union demonstrated that the 25 cents an hour increase demanded can be absorbed by the large packing companies. "This is particularly true," the statement said, "in view of the estimates by responsible authorities that the industry will enjoy much more favorable business in 1946 than in 1945."

"We want it to be clearly understood," Clark said, "that the packinghouse workers are strongly opposed to any lowering of livestock prices."

In connection with the meatpacking profit prospects for 1946, President Clark called attention to a recent financial statement by

### An Editorial

Postponement of the steel strike for a week may be warranted to permit continuation of negotiations on the compromise 19 1/2 cents an hour pay increase offer made by Philip Murray.

The steel workers have demonstrated they are ready to fight and strike the entire industry. The militancy of the workers in the Lackawanna plant of Bethlehem Steel, the Aliquippa plant of Jones and Laughlin, the banking of many steel furnaces throughout the industry, and the strike in the Worcester plant of Standard Pullman are a sample.

There should be no relaxation in their spirit and organization as the negotiations proceed.

No doubt the union will consider Murray's 19 1/2-cent-an-hour proposal a minimum. Two fact-finding committees, one in the GM strike and the other in oil, have found that wage increases of 17 1/2 percent and 18 percent are justified. This is equivalent to the Murray offer.

It is not actually enough to meet the needs of the workers in the postwar period. But it is a good deal more than the companies have offered and both Murray and William Green have indicated they will accept it as a minimum. That does not mean, necessarily, that the monopolies will accept it without a bitter fight. The General Electric and Westinghouse corporations and the packinghouse interests, as well as General Motors, have arrogantly refused to grant even this insufficient recommenda-

Armour and Co. which indicates that the company expects larger profits this year. "A highly profitable year is also expected by the other large packing companies," Clark added.

Going into the issue of the companies' ability to pay a substantial wage increase, the statement said that they will not be required to pay an excess profits tax for this year and, as an indication of the huge wartime profits made by the

### Pressure on Poland

Arthur Bliss Lane, U.S. Ambassador to Poland, has threatened to oppose granting American funds to Poland so long as large industries are being nationalized, it was reported yesterday.

## UNO Okays Moscow Pact to Set Up Atomic Energy Commission

LONDON, Jan. 13 (UP).—A two-hour meeting of the general committee of the UNO today resulted in a decision to include the Moscow resolution for establishment of an atomic energy commission in the General Assembly program this week. Also to be considered is a resolution on the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

The United Nations assembly is expected to debate tomorrow or Tuesday the report of the UNO Preparatory Commission and both Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, in addition to other chief delegates, are expected to make important

### Fighting in Indonesia Continues

BATAVIA, Jan. 13 (UP).—Fighting between British troops and armed Indonesians was reported today from Medan on the big Netherlands East Indies island of Sumatra and British reinforcements were landed at Soerabaja, former Netherlands naval base.

Medan is in northeastern Sumatra, in an area where the Indonesians recently charged that Japanese troops had been attacking them. First dispatches from Medan did not disclose the extent of hostilities.

### MacArthur Okays Tokyo Elections

TOKYO, Jan. 13 (UP).—Allied headquarters today authorized the Japanese government to hold its general elections any time after March 15 to choose a new House of Representatives.

Dr. Wataru Narashahi, new secretary of the reorganized cabinet, said the elections probably will be held in April.

tion of fact-finding committees by no means friendly to labor.

Thus the General Motors strike continues, and the walkouts scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday by the CIO electrical and packinghouse workers respectively are due to take place. They have made their preparations and are resolved to fight.

The attitude of some of the major oil companies toward the findings of the oil board indicates that they will try to smuggle in open-shop and union-busting provisions in return for the modest wage increases proposed. The unions cannot compromise or negotiate on this in oil or elsewhere. There must be categorical rejection of all such company proposals. The unions should fight for greater union security and should not even consider any clause that would give the employers a chance to weaken labor on the excuse of combatting "wildcat" strikes.

With the steel strike scheduled for next Monday, with GM strikers still on the picket lines, with the electrical and packinghouse workers due to go out this week, it is essential that thorough unity be developed among all sections of the workers on behalf of their common demands. In that way only will they be able to compel the monopolies to sign with the unions on the basis of their demands.

The entire labor movement must rally to the support of the workers now on strike and to the electrical and packinghouse workers about to go on strike. The key to victory is unity—and more unity.

packers, more than \$80,000,000 in excess profits tax was paid by the Big Four companies in 1944.

Commenting on this matter, Clark stated that "not only will the companies save by the elimination of excess profits tax but we know that they will save at least 10 percent of their payroll outlay when they soon return to a 40 hour work week."

In addition Clark said that Bureau of Labor Statistics show that worker productivity has increased more than 12 percent per man hour during the war years, "and it is absolutely certain that worker productivity will now increase rapidly—just as it did after the last war."

The Union's statement charged that the packers, "relying on the hope of government seizure, will use every effort possible to break the strike which now appears to be inevitable. I can only comment at this juncture," the statement concluded, "that government seizure or a failure on the part of the government to make the packers realize fully their responsibility to their employees and to the nation at this time will be an example of the complete bankruptcy to which responsible officials of government have sunk in these trying times."

speeches on policy.

The first business of the Assembly tomorrow is to decide whether New Zealand or Yugoslavia shall get the 18th seat on the UNO Economic and Social Council.

Soon after it meets, probably tomorrow or Tuesday, and chooses a chairman, the Security Council is expected to take up the question of a Secretary General, the most important post in the whole UNO organization.

There are two candidates under consideration — Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister at Washington, and Stanoye Simic, Yugoslav Ambassador to Washington.



## On the WU Picket Line

## 'Here's Why We're Striking'

**RUTH GOLOMBUCK**, automatic operator:

"All through the war we worked every day they needed us, sometimes as many as 60 hours a week. And when you looked in your week's pay envelope you found about \$24. Western Union started me at 52 cents an hour, three years ago, and raised my pay two cents an hour every three months until it reached 60. And there it stopped. But three years ago I could still buy a pair of stockings for 59 cents and a slip for \$1.50. Today the same stockings cost \$1.29 and slips \$3. And I'm still making 60 cents an hour."



**LILLIAN SKERLICK**, telegram searcher:

"I have a part time job at Western Union. I work two hours every day and four on Saturday. For this I get \$6 which I give to my mother to cover part of the expenses of my going to Textile High School. Forty cents an hour does not pay for much. My father is a member of the National Maritime Union and is marching with the rest of us on the picket line. He is proud of me. My school friends are here too. And it feels swell."

**JOHN PETEK**, elevator operator:

"When you pay \$6.50 a week to a doctor, you can hardly make a go with \$28 to \$30 a week. My wife can't work because she has heart trouble. But she is joining me on the picket line because she knows what little wages mean. I am not well either and my doctor told me not to exert myself but I go out on picket duty every day. Sixteen years with Western Union and the highest you go is \$30. It's the same for the others too. That is why we are striking. We do not ask for much. Just 10 cents more an hour."



**ANTHONY LONGINETTI**, ticker teletype maintainer:

"After 16 years in the industry, I take home about \$36 a week. That's hardly enough for three children, when two are six and two years, and they are so hard on their shoes. My youngest, two and one-half months, also needs things that cost a lot of money. For 13 years I worked for Postal Telegraph and since the merger I've worked for Western Union. There never were too many raises in all those years and \$36 a week doesn't cover a monthly rent of \$38, what with all the other expenses."

**ELOISE MILLER**, file clerk:

"With \$27, and sometimes less, I have to support my three children down South because I can't afford to bring them here. I send \$25 a month to my mother for their support, plus clothing and other little things. That leaves me with about \$10 to \$15 each week. It's not easy to be on strike when every penny means so much. I have never been on strike before and it feels alright to be on the picket lines when your friends are here too."



**MARY CORNELLA**, file clerk:

"My husband has been in the service for three years. Right now he is in the South Pacific. I wouldn't be surprised if he is demonstrating with the rest of them to come home. I make \$24 a week, peanuts. These days a woman living alone can hardly wait until the next pay day rolls round. Your money is gone before the week is over. Western Union pays you just enough to eat. If sleeping costs money, we wouldn't be able to pay for it. We are all going to stick together in this strike as long as it lasts because we need each other."

## National Telephone Walkout Is Called; Date Not Announced

## BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (UP).—The executive board of the National Federation of Telephone Workers tonight called a nation-wide strike affecting 250,000 telephone workers.

No date was fixed.

The walkout was called in support of a demand for a \$2 a day pay increase and the strikes already in progress by affiliated unions in Washington, D. C., Kearny, N. J. and by the Association of Communication Equipment Workers at exchanges across the nation.

NFTW President Joseph A. Beirne told a news conference after a five-hour session of the executive board that it "has decided to call and has ordered a nation-wide strike of telephone workers."

He said it will shut down radio broadcasting, newspaper and press association wires "and everything that might be serviced by leased wires by members of the union."

An official spokesman said that Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach had advised President Truman of the breakdown in conciliation talks with the company and the association of Communication Equipment Workers Union, an affiliate of the NFTW.

The spokesman said it is "reasonable to assume" that Schwellenbach has made legal preparations for government seizure if that becomes necessary.

## U. S. SEIZURE LOOMS

Referral of labor disputes to the White House is usually the preliminary to federal seizure. Government officials have emphasized repeatedly that the nation can not afford a nationwide communications strike which would shut down network broadcasting and newspaper and press association wires as well as long distance and local telephone lines. To prevent such a tie-up, the government could take over the parent company, the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and its subsidiaries.

## STRIKE SPREADING

Paralysis of the telephone system has been spreading steadily since the ACEW threw picket lines around principal exchanges last Friday. Most NFTW members have refused

to cross picket lines and the 30,000-member Southwestern Federation of Telephone Workers already has voted to support the ACEW with a sympathy strike.

Participants in the conciliation conferences, which have been in progress since last Friday, said they still were deadlocked over the union demand for elimination of merit wage rate ranges and increases in the top rates of the automatic promotion schedule.

ACEW president Ernest Weaver said the union had changed its demand for a uniform national top rate of \$1.60 an hour after nine years service. He said it had offered to settle for \$1.60 top in the northern region and \$1.50 hourly in the south. The present scale is \$1.28 an hour after eight years with the rate in the southern region 10 cents an hour less.

The NFTW board met last night to consider the situation created by strikes of three NFTW affiliates and the progress of the national wage movement for a \$2 a day pay boost for a 40-hour week.

The position of government labor officials, beset on all sides by labor struggles, was eased somewhat when the threatened steel strike was postponed for a week.

## WU Pickets Relax as B'way Puts On Show for Strikers

With the Western Union strike entering its second week, the militant strikers took time off yesterday to relax in a bang-up show put on for them by the City CIO, their own CIO American Communications Association union and Stage For Action.

Approximately 5,000 men and women strikers, straight from the picket line or en route to it, crowded into Manhattan Center from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. yesterday afternoon. Picketing at all branch offices was halted temporarily and only a token volunteer line circled WU's 60 Hudson St. building.

## STAGE STARS HELP

The show, packed with Broadway and Hollywood talent, was a great morale builder for the fellows and gals on the line. First, it was fun. Second, it showed that the entertainment field, mindful of its own battles against monopolies especially in Hollywood, is solid with labor's fight. Stage For Action, a group of professional radio and stage stars, is now conducting "Picket Line Follies" daily at 4 p. m. at 60 Hudson St., and its sound truck will also be seen building up workers' morale when the electrical strike begins.

Joseph P. Selly, ACA president got a big hand when he told the workers yesterday that the picket line will grow stronger, bigger and tighter as time goes on. He called the beginning of the strike an historic moment which marked the end of 40 years of company arrogance. The company's refusal to arbitrate is just "stupid," he said.

"We're out until we win our demands," he stated "whether it's three days, a week, a month or until hell freezes over." He said the union wouldn't go back until protection is also guaranteed for workers who went out even though they were not members of the union.

Selly pointed out that the company is shut down tight and that hardly any traffic is handled at 60 Hudson St. although Western Union claims that it's running at 20 percent efficiency. "Even if there's five

percent that's a lot, and it will get worse," he said.

## LAUDS LABOR SUPPORT

He said the company has \$3,000,000 worth of merchandise in its warehouse and repair shop. This is unmovable because of the strike. He also expressed the union's gratitude for city labor support and noted that every CIO union in the city has had representatives on the ACA line.

Among Stage for Action members and other entertainers joining in yesterday's show were: Robert Penn, member of the original Oklahoma cast; Josh White, folk singer; Dolores Martin of Cafe Society Downtown; Bill Rollo of Marinka; Ruth Tarson, Chicago singer; Gordon Heath of Deep Are The Roots, who read a poem by Langston Hughes; Bert Freed of Day Before Spring; Helen March and David Pressman

of Dream Girl; Earl Jones of Strange Fruit; Bernie West of Cafe Society Downtown; Howard DeSilva of the Lost Weekend; George Tyne of A Walk in the Sun; Anthony Ross of the Glass Menagerie, composers Lou Kleinman and Sam Morgenstern; pianist Murray Conwesser; Elliott Sullivan, who appeared in Action in the North Atlantic; and folk singers Tom Glazer and Tony Kraber.

Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer of the City CIO, told the workers that the CIO in New York is as "determined as the strikers to see this strike through to victory." He said that 1,000 veterans as a group will join the picket line.

Actor Howard da Silva said he had often heard that there are no heroes in these times. "I see a lot of them here," he said. "All guys on strike are heroes."

## China Truce on, But Kuomintang General Refuses to Obey

CHUNGKING, Monday, Jan. 14 (UP).—China's long internal war officially came to a halt at Sunday midnight when the most remote forces could have received the cease-fire order, but Communist sources charged that Kuomintang commander Gen. Tu Li-ming had ordered his troops to keep fighting today and tomorrow.

Last night the Communist newspaper New China Daily, accused Kuomintang troops of truce violations in Jehol Province on Friday and Saturday.

The Communist paper said the 52nd Army in Jehol continued to drive inland from Lingyuan which

was occupied Thursday. It also charged the Kuomintang offensive continued in the areas of Weichangze, Chianping, Pingchuan, Kup-eikuo, Fengyun and Changchung.

## CHOU EN-LAI PROTESTS

Chou En-lai, leading Communist negotiator in the truce arrangements, filed a written protest with Chang Chun, government representative on the three-man truce committee of which Gen. George C. Marshall, special U. S. envoy, was chairman.

Chang Chun replied by telephone that he believed the fighting could be stopped by last midnight and Chou En-lai said he was satisfied with the answer.



# Chicago, Hartford Vets Rally For GI Demands

By CARL HIRSCH

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Veterans staged an impressive demonstration here yesterday echoing the demand of GIs all over the world for speeded demobilization. The Chicago vets met an enthusiastic response in the crowded Loop as they paraded through, carrying banners, distributing leaflets and chanting the slogan, "Help bring your buddies and friends home."

Many uniformed men and civilians joined the demonstration. People along the line of march shouted encouragement.

The Emergency Veterans Committee which sponsored the demonstration is largely made of trade unionists recently discharged from the service.

Plans were going ahead her for ads in the papers to support the demands of stranded GIs. The material in the ads, financed by trade unions here will carry a message written by GIs overseas.

The theme of the demonstration here was the demand voiced by the servicemen: "Occupy enemy countries—not friendly countries!"

Leading the parade was a discharged WAC, a Negro vet and a 29th Division combat infantry lieutenant, all in uniform.

Preceding the march, a rally was held at 1 p.m. at 64 W. Randolph St., Room 1126, where the participants were addressed by George Danfield, secretary of the National Conference of Labor Legionaires of the American Legion and Chairman of the Chicago Council of Labor Union

Vets, who spoke in glowing tribute to the "guts of the present day GIs who stand up for their rights."

Speaking also was Murray Silverstein, Midwest Regional Director of the American Veterans Committee who stated that his organization not only supported the march in Chicago, "but also sponsored the meetings of the GIs in Guam and Pearl Harbor." Other speakers were Charles Wilson, co-chairman of the Veterans Committee, Local 719, United Auto Workers Union, CIO and Al Rubio, secretary of the Chicago Council of Labor Union Vets, who chaired the meeting.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 13.—Six hundred persons met in front of the Old State House yesterday noon for the demonstration of the Bring 'Em Back Now Committee, to support the overseas GIs who are demanding immediate demobilization.

Army and Navy servicemen paraded back and forth with placards, headed by a sailor with the American flag, while a loudspeaker blared forth martial music. Lawrence Bernstein, a member of the committee, Ted Arnold, regional organizer for the United and Professional

Workers of America, Daniel Howard, superintendent emeritus of Windsor schools, Ray A. Birch, acting chairman of the Connecticut Communist Party and a veteran, and ex-Lt. George Goldstein, addressed the rally.

They emphasized that they do not desire to bring back men who are needed to occupy Germany and Japan. They opposed occupation forces in friendly countries, such as the Philippines and China.

Speakers assailed the War Department's policy, and that the GI is opposed to help support imperialism or suppress other peoples, and wants to be home to support labor in its fight for better standards of living. Listeners were urged to sign the petitions addressed to President Truman, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Senators Brian McMahon and Thomas J. Hart, and Reps. H. P. Kopplemann and Joseph Rytter.

Approximately 400 persons signed these petitions.

Placard signs carried by demonstrators included the following slogans:

"Occupy the enemy—not our Allies," "Demobilize eligible GIs now,"

"GIs will remember next November," "Occupy Germany and Japan Only," "Stop War Department Demobilization Snafu," "Stop Intervention in China," "Don't use GIs as Pawns for State Department," "Take GIs out of Philippines."

Roy A. Leib said:

"It is clear that the boys are not being held overseas for lack of ships. There are thousands who are eligible for return home who are not needed for occupation forces. They don't want to be used as pawns for the State Department's big stick policy. They want to come home and not be used to interfere in the internal

affairs of China and other such countries. They have done their share and should be quickly returned to their families where they belong."

George Goldstein, who served four years in the Air Corps and was a prisoner of the Nazis for one and one-half years, declared that the "GIs demonstrating in Manila, France, Guam and so forth are not only kicking because they are homesick and want to come home, they are kicking because they are suspicious of the purposes for which the War Department is keeping them overseas."

## Charges War Dep't Delays GIs Return to Put Over Draft Plans

The War Department's deliberate demobilization delay is a maneuver to force "enactment of a universal military training program," Larry Johnson, co-chairman of the Veterans and Wives, charged yesterday.

Johnson, a veteran of World War II, demanded that President Truman fulfill demobilization pledges to GIs.

"Our organization believes that Germany and Japan should be occupied by American troops,"

Johnson said, "but there is no need for our GIs to occupy the territory of friendly nations."

The VW, formerly known as the Wives and Sweethearts of Servicemen, was formed during the war to aid overseas fighters.

The Vets Committee of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers also demanded yesterday that Truman speed soldiers home without reprisals to GIs who led demonstrations in Manila, Le Havre, Paris and Guam.

## Ala. Demos Vote To Open Primaries To Negro Voters

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 13. — The Alabama Democratic Executive Committee voted Saturday to remove a 75-year-old specification that only white persons can vote in the party's primaries.

At the same time the committee urged voters to ratify an amendment to the State Constitution that would limit voting privileges to those who met certain "qualifications." Among them is the ability to read and write and to interpret the U.S. Constitution. Before a vote is taken on this amendment in November the 1946 Democratic primary will be held on May 7, and under today's ruling Negro voters will be allowed to participate in it.

The action came as a direct result of the United States Supreme Court decision banning the "white primary" in Texas case. Shortly after the Texas decision was handed down in the case of a Negro dentist, the solid South Democratic states began acting to change election law so as to circumvent the ruling. A federal court in Georgia has also upheld the Negro's right to vote in Primary elections.

## CIO CHARGES TRUSTS' DELAY ON CONVERSION PERILS JOBS

The present "strike by management is delaying reconversion and destroying our chances for full employment," the Economic Outlook, monthly publication of the Congress of Industrial Organizations says in its current issue released yesterday.

"Anticipating the end or weakening of OPA controls and the end of the excess profits tax, manufacturers and shippers have been deliberately delaying reconversion," the Outlook adds.

"Others are counting on carry-back tax refunds to help them smash the labor movement in 1946. Business advisory services have cynically advised their clients to hold up shipments in 1945 to avoid the very taxes designed to prevent

just this sort of profiteering.

"Veterans, too are involved. Many of them have been trying to purchase machinery and other supplies, in order to get into business. But manufacturers with bulging warehouses have turned them down, waiting for 1946.

"It comes down to the fact that labor's effort to compel management to bargain in good faith and to strive for all-out production is really an attempt to galvanize the entire society into action—an effort to bring about full employment and rising living standards for all."

In a second section, the Outlook discusses CIO's social legislative program for the proper care of children. Main emphasis is placed on the need for adequate wages in the family and for a national health program.

### Truman Reiterates Pledge to Italy

ROME, Jan. 13 (UP).—The Italian Consultative Assembly cheered loudly yesterday when Premier Alcide de Gasperi read a telegram from President Truman reiterating the promise of Potsdam that Italy's war contribution to the Allied cause would not be forgotten.

## Pressure Forces Truman Gestures to Negro People

By CLAUDIA JONES

President Truman's recent appointments of Judge William R. Hastie as governor of the Virgin Islands and R. O'Haha Lanier as minister to Liberia, make it necessary to answer the question as put by a friend: What is Truman's box score where the Negro people are concerned?

Well, let us see. A few weeks ago, the Negro press rocked with indignation at the resignation of Attorney Charles E. Houston from the FEPC committee because of failure of President Truman to uphold FEPC authority with Capitol Transit Co. Here were the incipient seeds of a break with the Truman Administration on the part of the Negro people, much like the break of labor with the Administration over labor's just demands for wage increases. This very idea was sharply expressed by the Chicago Defender, and subsequently, by other Negro leaders who called for new political realignments along the lines of a third party movement.

### SUSPECT PRAISE

Not much later however, there crept into editorials of the same press "praise" and "commendation" for Truman for his appointments, for his pocket veto of the bill returning USES to the states. Likewise there is "praise," which is suspect, from certain Negro leaders such as A. Phillip Randolph and Anna Arnold Hedgeman of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. Mrs. Hedgeman expresses "deep appreciation" to the President for inclusion of his remarks concerning FEPC legislation in his radio address. A. Phillip Randolph considers that the President "has very clearly" indicated his desire for enactment into law of a permanent FEPC bill.

These leaders reveal their "hat in hand" attitude towards FEPC and towards the man who is pledged to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and the Roosevelt policies of non-discrimination in employment.

Nor is Truman the "man of the hour" as put by one Negro columnist this week. The pressure of the Negro people and labor on FEPC, wage increases, support to the GIs' protest against slow demobilization, etc., is chiefly responsible for Administration efforts to mend its broken fences with the Negro people.

If the Administration has been forced to bow to this pressure, it is because it is becoming stronger than

the pressure of the Bilbos and Rankins.

Such is evidenced in the NNC picket line around the White House, the convening of Negro Republican leaders who put the heat on Herbert Brownell with regard to Republican sabotage of FEPC, the call of Congressman Powell and Councilman Davis for the contemplated Save FEPC Peoples' Delegation to D.C. on Jan. 17.

The Hastie and Lanier appointments represent a victory for the Negro people. They are an Administration retreat before their pressure.

Confirmation of the appointments by the Senate will represent a major battle. But as stated by Coun-

cilman Benjamin J. Davis, there is reason and room to question,

whether in view of the reactionary imperialist course being pursued by the Administration, they are not lending themselves to the support of colonialism, of imperialist oppression of the Liberians and the Virgin Islanders.

Truman's box score where the Negro people are concerned remains to be seen, however, on what the Administration will not only say—but do—on FEPC. In this connection, the cue to the future battle for full democracy for the Negro people is continued pressure with their allies around the key issues which face the nation, and particularly FEPC.

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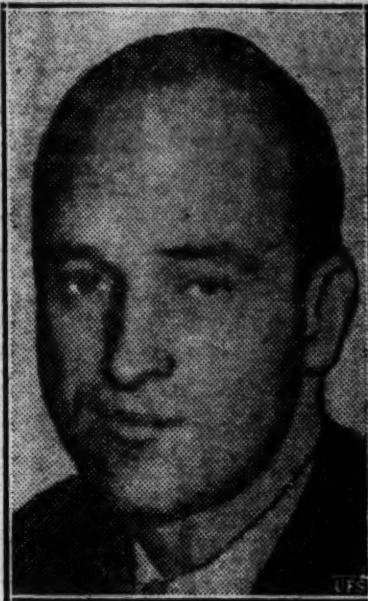
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## FDR Son Takes Political Post In Arts Group



JAMES ROOSEVELT

James Roosevelt, eldest son of the late President Roosevelt, has joined the staff of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions as director of political organization, it was announced yesterday by Jo Davidson, national chairman.

"I believe there is a need in our democracy for an organization willing to present and capable of presenting to the electorate in a dramatic manner the progressive view-point on domestic and world policies," Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement accompanying Mr. Davidson's announcement.

Mr. Roosevelt's immediate responsibility as director of political organization will be to mobilize the membership of all branches of the Committee and others in the professional fields throughout the country for active participation in the 1946 Congressional elections.

Mr. Roosevelt has recently returned to civilian life after five years in the Marine Corps, part of which time he spent as aide to Colonel Evans Carlson. He has been a member of the Independent Citizens Committee since shortly after its formation.

## 11,000 New Members Joined IWO in 1945

A gain of 11,165 members by the International Workers Order during the year 1945, has brought the labor fraternal organization's total membership to 181,118 members, as of Jan. 1, 1946, it was announced yesterday by Max Bedacht, General Secretary.

See: "Report on the 152nd Day" at the Lenin Memorial Meeting.

# Van Gelder Urges Fight to Restore Democracy in Shipyard Union

## HOW CHINESE FOUGHT WITH FILIPINO PATRIOT ARMY

By Allied Labor News

Of the 120,000 Chinese in the Philippine Islands, 2,500 fought as guerrillas in the Wah Chi detachment which formed the 48th Squadron of the Hukbalahap or Philippine People's Anti-Japanese Army.

Thousands of others were organized into the Kang Pang, an underground group in the city of Manila which aided the guerrillas, purged traitors and organized the people to sabotage the political and economic designs of the enemy.

The experience of Chinese fighters who had learned guerrilla strategy and tactics from the Eighth Route and New Fourth Armies in their own country was invaluable to the Philippine resistance movement.

After the Philippines were liberated, the Spanish Falangist magnates who had taken shelter under the wing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, such as Andres Soriano and Joaquin Elyzalde, and the ex-collaborationists representing Filipino feudal landlords, such as Manuel Roxas, were brought back to power in the islands.

The Hukbalahap partisans of independence and of the oppressed Filipino peasants, were systematically persecuted. The Wah Chi were classified with the Huk, and the Filipino fascists attempted to make the Chinese community as a whole the scapegoat for the general ruin of Philippine economy, thus deflecting the people from their real problems.

### A LANDLORD PARTY

The party led by the collaborationist Roxas is in the lead of the forces wresting the land back from the people for the purpose of handing it back to the traitor landlords from whom it was confiscated (landlords who did not cooperate with the Japanese were not dispossessed.)

At the same time, this party pretends to the Filipino people that it plans to return to them the economic power "stolen" by the Chinese. It has pushed measures for the total exclusion of Chinese from the Commonwealth economy, and its organ, the Manila Daily News, blames all post-population occupation miseries on the "Chinese, Indians and Jews."

It does not say that "Indians and Jews," according to census figures, account for less than one percent of Philippine investment and that the Chinese, while they operate 25 percent of retail trade, control only 0.7 percent of Philippine factories and

hold little or no land.

It is completely silent about the fact that American interests prevail in industry, that 98 percent of the cultivated area in agricultural Luzon is owned by 2 percent of the population and that sugar, rice, tobacco, hemp, mining, banking and insurance are controlled by American and Spanish concerns grouped around MacArthur.

One of the most disgraceful charges hurled at the Chinese community by the collaborationists is, surprisingly, that of collaboration. The participation of Chinese in the struggle for liberation, and the mass executions of Chinese for opposing the enemy in Manila, are ignored. Also ignored is the fact that the Chinese themselves put most of their few collaborationists out of the way during the war.

After liberation, the Kang Pang and Wah Chi set up courts of inquiry among Philippine Chinese to investigate charges of wartime treason and gave the results to the U. S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps. The CIC was at first grateful but when MacArthur decided to back Roxas, the courts were ordered suspended. Chinese patriots were penalized for taking part in anti-Roxas demonstrations.

Despite this, the Chinese community in the Philippines, which had been there for centuries when the Spaniards conquered the islands 400 years ago, continues as an important element in the fight against foreign and domestic influences which, under the mask of nationalism, seek to forestall real independence.

The Chinese labor unions, which played such a great part in the guerrilla struggle, are cooperating with Filipino progressives in the antifascist movement today. The Chinese workers' newspaper, the Chinese Guide, which was published underground during the occupation and was one of the few sources of Allied news at that time, continues today as a rallying point for the Philippine Chinese.

## Bare Suicide of Nazi 'Death Hospital' Chief

NUERNBERG, Jan. 13. (UP).—One of the most jealously-guarded secrets of Nuernberg prison—the suicide three months ago of Dr. Leonardo Conti, German Health official who had a major role in setting up Nazi "extermination" hospitals—came to light today without benefit of official announcement.

By GEORGE MORRIS

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 13 (By Mail).—The "honest and decent" members of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers "have a real fight on their hands to reinstitute democracy and proper leadership" in their union.

This was the conclusion that former secretary-treasurer Philip Van Gelder drew from IUMSWA's six-day machine-dominated convention here.

Van Gelder, who has just returned from service as a corporal in the Fifth Army in Europe and a holder of two battle stars, was defeated for reelection by Ross Blood of Camden. Blood had been acting secretary-treasurer while Van Gelder was on the fighting front.

### TO FIGHT MACHINE

Van Gelder, one of the founders of the union, had been secretary-treasurer from its inception and was reelected successively eleven times. Upon his return from Europe, he found Blood well entrenched in a coalition of reactionary elements who had gauged up to seize control of the convention.

In his formal statement, Van Gelder indicated that he is not retiring from a fight for progressivism in IUMSWA.

"It is apparent that even before I returned from overseas," declared Van Gelder, "the present officers of the union, including President John Green, had decided that I was not to return to my position of secretary-treasurer, the office I had held ever since the national union was created in 1934. Since I got discharged from the army last November, the union officers offered me a variety of other jobs, of little importance or influence, but high salary. I naturally refused these offers.

"By a series of improper and unconstitutional actions in selecting delegates before the convention, and by wielding patronage power, the administration succeeded in rigging this meeting so as to insure absolute control. My resolute defeat was inevitable.

"I will certainly not accept any job with this administration to help them ease their conscience. My chief regret is that the membership of the union, which I worked so many years to build, is now at the mercy of a leadership an inept and deficient as it is morally depraved."

### PROGRESSIVES FIRM

The convention ended in the same atmosphere of sharp division that marked its opening. Progressives fought on every issue that hit the floor and held to their average of 300 votes to adjournment.

This was one convention that did not end with one of those customary "forgive and forget and be a sport" speeches from President John Green. His attempt to do so



VAN GELDER  
Fights Union Clique

was felled and ridiculed by leaders of the Progressives who told him point blank that there will be no unity as long as IUMSWA is machine-dominated.

Green appeared greatly disturbed at the breakup of the "team that built this union." He gave little explanation, however, for his newfound love for the coalition of anti-CIO elements in the union.

With an estimated 300 votes falsely acquired for the administration side through factional stacking, the election gave Green 796 votes to 348 for his opponent, Edward J. Duffy of Brooklyn's Local 39; John Grogan, incumbent vice-president 719 to 246 for Ray Seese of Baltimore of Baltimore's Local 24, and 707 for Blood to 337 for Van Gelder.

For ten members of the General Executive Board, the administration slate ranged from a low of 712 to 778, while progressive votes ranged from 263 to 338. Ben Malatico of Camden was reelected with the vote of 994 supported by both groups.

### CORRUPT INFLUENCES

The composition of the new board fully reflects the group that has seized control of the convention. Thomas Flynn of Staten Island's Local 12 (where he was deposed as president) was reelected to the GEB on the machine slate. Only last Sunday, the GEB found him guilty of "borrowing" substantial funds from the union's treasury without returning them and fined him \$50 for his offense.

To inquiries of delegates from the floor, the convention election committee announced that he had paid his fine and was therefore eligible to run.

Another "newcomer" to the board is Jack Dempsey of Kearny, Local (Continued on Page 9)

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## Need Unity Against United Foe

GENERAL MOTORS has arrogantly rejected President Truman's fact-finding board's proposals.

The board cannot be accused of being partial to labor.

Its recommendation of a 19½-cent-an-hour raise in pay for auto workers who have suffered wage cuts greater than 30 percent since V-J Day fall far short of the mark. The fact-finders talk of compensation for loss of overtime and down-grading but every man and woman who works for a living knows that the slash in take-home pay has been deeper than 19½ cents an hour.

But even this proposed figure, inadequate as it is, was the result of the solidarity and fighting mood of labor. GM rejects the raise flatly and refuses to accept all the other recommendations from the board as well.

The key to the GM attitude lies not only in its action on the wage recommendation but in its curt dismissal of the proposal for reinstating the former agreement.

That contract, the corporation now asserts, contained many provisions that "were not practical and sound for peacetime operation." These are provisions, mind you, that were practical and sound enough to bring GM millions in profits during wartime. They are no longer practical and sound because GM has embarked on a long-range project to weaken and destroy the union, to crack the protection that workers have built for themselves and to follow that through with a savage speedup and wage cutting policy in the spirit of the open shop days.

That is why even the modest 19½-cent-an-hour raise is too much for General Motors. And that is why this is the time that solidarity must be strengthened now in the ranks of labor.

GM is not alone in its greedy ambition. The other kingpins of auto, the steel trust, the huge electrical monopolies, the meat packing industries, the farm equipment magnates think in the same terms.

The GM workers like all labor is fighting for its life against a common enemy with a common policy. That enemy cannot be defeated by a "one at a time" strategy. The General Motors workers must soon be joined by the organized strength of the Ford and Chrysler workers to beat the union-busting drive of the auto magnates. The UAW has set Jan. 21 as the deadline for GM acceptance of the proposal of the fact-finding board. This should be the deadline for all auto corporations.

A unified strategy must rule in the entire labor movement. Unity of labor, AFL and CIO, and the two together with the people as a whole—that is what is needed to throw monopoly's attack on the nation in reverse.

## Stop the Monkey-Business

PRESIDENT TRUMAN remarked recently that American recognition of Marshal Tito's Yugoslav government is still conditional—and then we read that members of Mikhailovitch's "Royal Yugoslav Army" are still being treated with all formalities in southern Germany.

This kind of thing smells to high heaven. It is not simply an insult to a friendly government. It actually encourages the Mikhailovitch riff-raff to plan civil war inside Yugoslavia. Reports reach America that the Mikhailovitch crowd in the displaced persons camp is talking exactly that. And American colonels are wine and dining the generals of this fictitious army.

The same thing—on an even more dangerous scale—is taking place with the Polish army of Gen. Wladislaw Anders. Instead of sending these soldiers home to Poland, the British are housing them in Italy, where they carry out atrocities against the Italian democratic movement.

Even worse, agents of Anders' army foment anti-Semitic riots in Poland. They have murdered more than 1,000 Polish anti-fascists in recent months.

It's time this monkey-business were stopped. The United States must set the example for Britain and withdraw all accommodations from the Mikhailovitch crowd. The traitorous general himself should be handed over to the Yugoslav government, and his "Royal Army" disbanded.



## A '3rd Party' to Knite Real 3rd Party

Daily Worker Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON.

AN immediate by-product of the growing third party sentiment, is feverish activity by Social-Democratic elements to confuse the picture by setting up their own demagogic third-party movement.

Their theory obviously is that this will make it difficult or impossible for a genuine third party movement to be launched by a coalition of labor, farmers, PAC and Roosevelt liberals. In view of the fact that most of the backers of this premature movement opposed the Roosevelt-labor coalition for win-the-war policies during the war years, there is nothing surprising in their strategy.

According to information received here, a conference to take "preliminary steps" toward the establishment of a third party will be held in February, probably in Chicago, under Socialist Party auspices. A committee is already at work studying methods of getting on the ballot in the states.

The plans for the February conference developed at a meeting organized by Walter H. Uphoff, member of the Socialist Party national executive committee, and held Dec. 16 in the Loraine Hotel in Madison, Wis. Following immediately after a meeting of the Socialist national executive, the Loraine Hotel gathering was known as the "Midwest Exploratory Conference on Independent Political Action." It was attended by about 50, mostly Socialists but including some individuals from the Farmers Union and the Wisconsin co-ops.

Norman Thomas' Ambitions

The call for the conference was signed by Daniel Bell, Chicago, formerly of the New Leader; Ernest Callaway, Chicago, United Transport Service Employees of America, CIO; Charles D. Egle, St. Paul, manager of Farmers Union Livestock Commission Co.; Rudolph Faupl, Milwaukee, machinists union; Hy Fish, Chicago, ILGWU; Harold Gibbons, national Socialist chairman; Harry Miller, Chippewa Falls, Farmers Union News editor; Ernest Morgan, Yellow Springs, Ohio; Loren Norman, editor of Racine Labor; Hugh Reichard, Racine, of UAW; A. W. Ricker, St. Paul, editor of

Farmers Union Herald, and Uphoff.

Evidently little was accomplished at the Loraine Hotel meeting, but it goes far to explain certain remarks made by Norman Thomas, perennial SP presidential candidate, in Columbus, O., on Dec. 12.

Thomas declared in a statement to the UP that he hoped to run in the 1948 election "as a candidate of a coalition of left wing groups."

According to UP, Thomas "said the Socialist Party was promoting quietly the formation of a liberal third party. The coalition would include liberal farm and labor groups, the left wing of the Wisconsin Progressive Party, the Michigan Commonwealth Party and other organizations."

The platform which Thomas expects his third "liberal" party to adopt was indicated in his speech at a public gathering in Madison during the NEC meeting.

He called for abolition of the veto power in the UNO Security Council, and demanded the end of conscription by all nations. The anti-Soviet bias of Thomas came out more boldly, however, in discussing the trials of Nazi murderers.

"If we must have war guilt trials," said Thomas, "it should not be forgotten that Finland and Poland were victims of aggressive warfare, not just from Germany alone." If that wasn't clear enough for his audience, he later added, "No recent act of aggression was worse than the Russian invasion of Finland."

Thomas devoted considerable

time to defending the Socialist executive committee's resolution demanding food for Germans and Japanese, by reimposing a system of rationing, "if necessary."

He bitterly assailed the Potsdam agreement. "German industry should have been preserved and operated under a trusteeship for the welfare of the people of Europe. Instead of that, Moscow and London rushed in with hate and power politics and spheres of influence."

Thomas' remarks were calculated to appeal to former Gov. Phil LaFollette, considered the "brain" of the Progressive Party. Since he was released as MacArthur's press agent, Phil is reported making speeches throughout Wisconsin in which he attempts to create distrust of the Soviet Union and trust in MacArthur.

According to Carey McWilliams, writing in a recent issue of The Nation, Phil LaFollette has his own plans for a demagogic third party to head off the development of really broad powerful and progressive peoples' movement. The two movements, that of Thomas and that of LaFollette, at present are running parallel. Whether or not the currents will merge is hard to foresee at this moment.

It can be concluded, however, that both these movements have at their core former isolationists, Soviet haters, and long-time opponents of the Roosevelt program. It can also be concluded that they are a danger to the developing movement for a genuine third party.

## Blame CPA for Lead Shortage

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Gross negligence by the Civilian Production Administration is responsible for the present acute shortage of lead, the National Council of Battery Workers charged in an open letter to President Truman today.

The council represents 15,000 CIO and AFL employees in battery plants throughout the country.

Unless immediate steps are taken to remedy the shortage, the letter said, there will be a complete breakdown of the transportation industry and thousands of layoffs.

President Truman was urged to transfer controls over lead from the

CPA to an inter-agency committee under the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. Other proposals included an increase of 50,000 tons annually by American lead mines and the use of the government stockpile to halt layoffs now taking place.

The letter to the President followed a conference last week between Charles Goff, president of the council and Peter D. Besch, secretary-treasurer, with J. D. Small, director of CPA. They told Small they were "amazed and shocked" at the failure of CPA to take effective steps in the present emergency.



# A Page of Letters From Our Readers

## Wants Articles on Socialism in USA

Indianapolis, Ind.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Following the discussions in our press on revisionism and opportunism while overseas, I was highly gratified at the high theoretical level of the discussion and the final decisions reached at the National Convention. Among those I would like to discuss in this letter are questions of socialism and the reinstitution of the independent role of the Communist Party.

The decision on socialism was, while not making it an immediate objective and thus isolating ourselves, to propagandize for it as the only solution to the problems facing the workers under capitalism. I have not found any appreciable difference in relation to this question in our press since that decision was made. I have not found one single article devoted to socialism applied to American conditions. The average person or worker reading our newspaper cannot distinguish it from any good union paper.

The London Daily Worker, with its limited size of four pages, was able to carry frequent articles on socialism; we can and should do the same so that a worker reading our newspaper would understand that capitalism is not the final unshakable form of organization of society but that a society free from exploitation and poverty is possible.

It is the opinion of many people with whom I have been discussing this question that we are completely engrossed in the wage struggle, and correctly so. But we fail to see the wider ramifications and implications of this movement. Instead of connecting this wage movement in a dialectical manner with the struggle for socialism, we treat them as if they were both in separate, airtight compartments. When else, if not in a period such as the present when workers are beginning to doubt the ability of the capitalist system to provide happiness and well-being for them and they are slowly realizing the oppressive nature of the state—when else would be a better time to propagandize for socialism?

I have been selling Daily Workers on the GM picket lines and have had many discussions with the men. One worker asked me what the CP stood for and I explained it to him in a brief and sketchy form. After looking through the paper he wanted to know why there was nothing on socialism since we said we were for it. His exact words were: "What's the matter with you guys, are you afraid or ashamed to say what you stand for?" Of course, I was unable to answer him. In my opinion, there should be at least one article on one of the fundamentals of Marxism in every issue of any Marxist publication. Only in this way can we win and educate the workers to our goal, the elimination of the exploitation of man by man.

On the second question, the independent role of the Communist Party, I think certain discrepancies exist. It is true that, while we are not talking after the bourgeoisie, this cannot be said with quite such certainty of the CIO. Certainly we should support the CIO in its views, but we should also remember that it is our duty to elevate trade union politics to the level of Communist politics and not merely present the same program all prettied up with phrases about our science of dialectical materialism.

For instance, in view of the arrogant attitude of the trusts, we could and should put forth the demand for nationalization of the trusts. As usual, there will be those who say that the Ameri-

can people are not "ready" for nationalization. It is precisely we who must educate the people into seeing that nationalization is necessary. Certainly, the objective conditions exist for the promulgation of this demand, but subjectively many people in the CP do not think this is true. I believe we are underestimating the intelligence of the working class when we make this claim, which is the main characteristic

of social democracy and opportunism.

In passing, I would like to see the revival of the discussion page on how the admirable decisions of the National Convention of the CP are being put into effect and the constructive criticism of the membership. I do not think all is well just because opportunism was renounced; a great deal must be done still to wipe it out in practice. B. C.

## Raps Failure to Editorialize On Perry UE Fight for Negroes

Nassau, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Daily Worker of Dec. 20 carried a story by Dorothy Loeb which hailed the fact that Local 450 of UE (the Sperry Local) had unanimously decided to fight for revision of their own seniority rules to save the jobs of fellow Negro unionists. The membership enthusiastically agreed that if necessary white workers would step aside in order to guarantee the jobs of their Negro brothers.

This is a precedent shattering move of deepest significance. There somehow was no doubt in my mind that an editorial analyzing the meaning of this move and greeting it would soon be forthcoming. But no such editorial has appeared to date.

To my mind, this step taken by the Sperry workers is the key to winning the Negro people as the indispensable ally of the working class. It records the beginning of a new stage in the political development of the American working class. At last they are beginning to see that full employment is not possible without fair employment, that, as Marx said, "workers in white skins cannot

be free unless their black brothers are also free." This is the point of unity of the working class with the Negro people.

Negro people have often been misled by vacillating, stupid, petty-bourgeois leadership and have been used by reactionary leadership for strikebreaking, anti-working class purposes. They must be oriented toward the working class as the key to their deliverance from discrimination, persecution and segregation.

This, then, is the meaning of the move on the part of the Sperry workers. It is a move which must be brought to everyone's ears, a move which must be built up until it assumes the proportions of the Scottsboro case, a democratic precedent-setting move which must grow and grow until it becomes the property of the entire labor movement.

It seems to me that for an American Marxist newspaper not to editorialize on such a significant step is an inexcusable error and, if I may suggest so, it betrays a lack of understanding of the Negro question. I strongly urge that this error be immediately corrected. VETERAN.

## Sees Need for Constructive Stories in Fight on Jimcrow

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In a recent issue Nat Low quoted what he called "an interesting letter" pertaining to his own lack of effort in getting anything done during the past season in ending Jim-Crow in football. This letter and his own comments on the problem were very good but are they not in the nature of criticism without constructive effort? More should be done in the nature of building public support and by that I mean the showing to the public what has been done, and done successfully.

Jim-Crow in sports is not a separate problem but only a branch of a major one and that in turn another force of reaction. It should be fought with the same methods as any other evil to be wiped out.

I have just left the U. S. Maritime Service where there is NO segregation, no separation, where Negro and White eat together, in the same mess halls, sleep together in the same barracks, attend classes together, play every sport imaginable together, attention-station shows together, a living example of unity regardless of race, color and creed.

I, myself was an athletic instructor, teaching physical fitness classes, coaching athletic teams, and had the opportunity to observe democracy in action. This does not mean that we did not have manifestations of anti-Negro feeling or anti-Semitic feelings or any other minority problems. We

had them because, like any other Service, our men came to us from every walk in life, every part of the country, with every prejudice that you can well imagine. When our men left and shipped out they took with them a feeling and spirit that they never came into the service with. We had our diehards and still have them, but those that went away with the true grasp of love for their fellow man regardless of race and color, have left their mark on all men.

Our sports program was as varied as any high school or college, with a few additions. Everyone competed and the competition was as keen as any can be imagined. The only criterion for success was ability, nothing else. Teamwork was stressed in every sport and it was shown to a remarkable degree. Our teams, representative of every race, color and creed, and locality, played in harmony, competed graciously, and sportsmanship was the keynote of competition.

Examples such as these, constructive proof of things happening not only in the service I left but elsewhere, are taking place. Progress is always slow, but nevertheless, progress.

Therefore, we should not only "get after" all those that hold the reins in their hands, but show where democracy works, and how well too. With best wishes for a full democracy in every phase of life.

W. G.

## Asks More Facts On Puerto Rico

Newark, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As the result of a discussion on Puerto Rican independence, our branch asked me to write the Daily Worker urging that greater attention be paid by our press to the struggles and aspirations of the Puerto Rican people. The comrades expressed a desire to know more facts concerning American imperialist exploitations of Puerto Rico, as well as information on the activities of the Communist Party there.

Some comrades pointed out that we hear much of what is happening in Indonesia and in the colonies of the British and the French, but far too little of the crimes of which our "own" imperialists are guilty in "our" colonies. It was felt that the whole anti-imperialist struggle can be greatly furthered by raising sharply the issues of self-determination for Puerto Rico and immediate independence for the Philippine Islands.

BEN,

Thomas Jefferson Branch, C. P.

## Hits Column On Dreiser

Manhattan, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

For all Mike Gold's good intentions, his piece "What Dreiser Means to the Young Writer Today" is one example of how to write a harmful obituary of a magnificent literary figure who wound up his life by turning Communism.

It would be more in keeping with Hearst, the N. Y. Times and red-baiting papers generally to employ phrases about Dreiser such as his "numerous zigzags of philosophy." "Schopenhauerian pessimist, anarchist and sexual revoltee." I'm afraid that Mike's strenuous efforts as an advocate of "proletarianism" are strained to the point of a fetish, whereby everything literary stinks unless it is warty and ugly, things which Mike views with a curious affection. Such attitudes are not dissimilar from those of middle class slummers.

Truth is not all of one piece and the search for it often finds honest explorers, as Dreiser proved, in bypaths, areas, etc., not necessarily or fatal. Gorky also limped and paused and went on; but no Marxist analyst worth more than a fig would hold up a picture of Gorky's "past" to derision and as a warning to young writers. A more constructive lesson to be gleaned, it seems to me, is that literary gains go forward and never get stuck or sucked in while on their way to the great, illumined, restless sea of Communism. S. TUMIN.

## Absence Makes Heart Grow Fonder

Ludington, Michigan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

One can scarcely realize how important is our press until he is deprived of its priceless Marxist coverage of current events. Recently, when I missed several issues of the Daily Worker, I commented on a number of incidents in the exact terms that I later read in the DW when it was again available. This confirmation of my conclusion gave me great satisfaction as did the realization that others think as I do. How much this fact alone builds morale!

I have been a reader for many years and have often been critical of some analysis, treatment or layout. But although some improvements could be made, a guy who has missed his Daily and Weekly for a time can feel nothing but a sense of gratitude on receiving them again. F. M. W.

## Cites Weighty Arguments for Wage Boosts

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the public view, the dispute between labor and management seems to center around whether or not industry can afford to pay the 30 percent increase in wages without increasing prices. I should like to call your attention to a different aspect of the problem—whether industry can afford NOT to grant the increase.

In the Nov. 19 issue of *Sarson's Weekly*, leading financial paper of Wall Street, Dr. Julius Hirsch, in an article on labor's productivity makes these significant statements:

1. Contrary to the findings of many economists and government agencies, the productivity of American labor during the war years has increased considerably in both war AND civilian industry. With new and better machinery, with the return of skilled labor to peacetime jobs, with increased managerial ability and "know how," a further increase in productivity is indicated so that he concludes "that the lasting increase in average efficiency in our national economy between 1940 and 1947 will amount to 3.5 percent to 4 percent per year, or 24.5 percent to 28 percent in these seven years."

2. This gain in efficiency, says Dr. Hirsch, "will mean that for the volume of production for which 100 workers were needed in 1939, perhaps 76 or even only 72 may suffice in 1947. Or, in other words, the labor force necessary to produce this same output with the same labor week, would not be 45 to 46 million as in 1939, but rather 36 million or less."

3. The result, then, is that "to employ the same number of people as in 1939, OUR TOTAL EFFECTIVE PURCHASING POWER WILL THUS HAVE TO BE 20 percent to 25 percent HIGHER. If we cannot do this, we will not employ as many people as in 1939 (and there were 10 million unemployed then—H. D.). Yet we actually hope to increase our pre-war labor force by 12 to 15 million."

With the greater danger of technological unemployment of unprecedented scope staring us in the face, would it not be well for industrial management to weigh these facts in their negotiations with labor? Otherwise they may find themselves embarked on a course of action which will deprive them of their best customer—the home market.

H. DEETER.

## Stops Buying at Store Over 'News'

Sunnyside, L. I.

Editor, Daily Worker:

This is a copy of a letter I sent to Macy's:

"This is to instruct you to close my D.A. account No. — upon receipt of this letter. I shall make no purchases from Macy's while they continue to advertise in the Daily News. I believe that this newspaper condones religious and racial intolerances and does not deserve the support of the public directly or indirectly."

MRS. C.F.

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# Czechs Plan Fair Payment To Former Foreign Firms

PRAGUE, Jan. 12 (Delayed) (UP).—Minister of Industry Bohumil Lausman, just returned from 10 days in Moscow, reported today that "the Russian don't care who is in power in the Czechoslovak Government or as yet unknown." Even Czech industrialists, he said, had not yet been compensated, although a few had received preliminary sums.

The Social Democratic Minister said that in Moscow he had found "a real sincere desire to cooperate in every way with Western democracies and to encourage the small states in Europe to develop the closest relations with the west as well as the east."

Discussing Czechoslovakia's sweeping nationalization law, Lausman said that his country "plans to compensate foreign capital for nationalized industries as favorably as possible because it is anxious to maintain the good will of the Allies and neutrals."

## U. S. FIRMS INVOLVED

American interests involved include: The Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., Singer Sewing Machine Co., Eastman Kodak Co., International Business Machines Corp., United Shoe Machinery Corp., Yale and Towne Manufacturing Co., and Remington Rand, Inc.

Lausman said he expected nationalization to be technically completed by Feb. 15, after which compensation discussions will begin. He refused to estimate the amount of foreign capital involved or the cost of nationalization because "experts are still working and the totals are

more than 500 workers and few with less than 150. "Technical implementation of the nationalization decree is proceeding slower than I would, perhaps, like," Lausman said, "but this is because of our solicitude for the democratic process. "Every section of the statute which will probably be finished next week has been discussed and rewritten until it satisfies all parties and can be adopted unanimously."

# French C. P. Presses Nationalization Plans

PARIS, Jan. 13 (UP).—The French Government has nationalized but one industry—banking—since it came into power in November, 1945. Nearly two years have passed

# Navy Cites New Bomb Defense

GREAT RIVER, N. Y., Jan. 13 (UP).—A secret weapon that sent scores of U-boats to the bottom of the seas in World War II may prove a defense against atomic bombs if there is a World War III, a Navy spokesman disclosed here today.

The ability of the weapon, an electronic direction finder, to locate radio transmitters in the stratosphere as well as underseas, would enable defenses to go into action before radio controlled atomic bombs could strike, he explained.

The Navy spokesman, who asked not to be identified, described the potential value of "DF" a team-mate of radar in the past war, at a demonstration by the laboratories of the Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., an affiliate of International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

"If Berlin comes back to directing V-bombs at Times Square," he said, "the Navy will want to know it before the bombs land. The V-bombs, possibly atomic, may be under radio control until they get well up into the stratosphere."

"Then they may be capable of directing themselves free of ground radio control," he continued. "The bombs would have to have a transmitter of their own."

# Polish Tories Fail to Block CIO Relief

CIO aid for the relief of Poland proper has succeeded in getting through for the first time since the end of the war, it was announced yesterday.

Irving Abramson, chairman of the National CIO Community Services Committee made public a capable acknowledgement from Jan Stanczyk, Polish Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, for a labor donation of \$100,000.

"This proves that it is possible to get aid into Poland," Abramson said. "Our organization will continue its efforts to get all aid into the country as quickly as possible."

# Jewish Rally Against White Paper Jan. 23

The Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the IWO and the Trade Union Committee for Jewish Unity will sponsor a rally against the White Paper on Wed., Jan. 23, p. m. at Manhattan Center, it was announced yesterday.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Ben Gold, Charles Collins and Louis Weinstock will speak for "uncompromising struggle against the White Paper as an instrument of imperialist oppression."

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since the National Council of Resistance drew up a program directing, in general terms, that "trusts" be suppressed and national production be taken over by the state. With the exception of the banks, coal mines in the north, the Renault automobile plant and some aircraft factories, the mandate has yet to be carried out.

All three major political parties—the Communists, Socialists, and Popular Republicans—backed the program. The Communists and Socialists, as members of the "Delegation of the Left," agreed specifically that nationalization should apply to insurance companies, gas, transport, iron, steel, the merchant navy, light metals, cement, explosive industries, heavy industries and mines.

## SOCIALISTS WITHDRAW

The Socialists have now withdrawn from the "Delegation of the Left." The Communists accuse them of ditching the Resistance Council's program.

The Ministry of National Economy, under Communist Francois Billoux, is now drafting a bill to place electricity under state ownership. Next the left wants to see the chemical industry nationalized. Immediately following nationalization of banking, insurance companies were reported high on the priority list.

French railways and a part of the armaments industry became publicly owned in 1936 under the Popular Front government.

The current Communist Air Ministry has nationalized several aircraft plants. The entire industry has, however, not been nationalized pending legislation.

# Quake Shivers Felt In Los Angeles Area

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13 (UP).—A light earthquake shook parts of Los Angeles and vicinity at 9:13 a. m. (12:13 p. m. EST) today.

The quiver was not felt in some areas of the city although reports from as far as Alhambra and Pasadena showed the light shaker was felt there.

Los Angeles police said they had no report of the quake. The Seismograph at the California Institute of Technology was turned off at the time.

# What's On

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday—Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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# Prestes Says Truman Wavers on FDR Policy

By Wireless to Allied Labor News

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 13.—In a speech which is expected to have a great influence on the Brazilian and other South American labor movements, Communist leader Luis

Carlos Prestes charged this week that the Truman administration is "vacillating" in continuing the democratic policies of President Roosevelt and declared that it is yielding to the interests of "monopolist finance capital." Prestes spoke before an enlarged meeting of his party's national committee.

The Communist leader stressed that cooperation of the great powers resulted in the defeat of Nazism and Japanese militarism, stating that the same cooperation is now needed to preserve world peace. If the contrary occurs, he asserted, world organization is "destined to repeat the bankruptcy" of the old League of Nations. He referred to the importance to the cause of peace of the San Francisco and Potsdam conferences and the democratic march of Europe, including the realization of great agrarian reforms in southeastern Europe and eastern Germany.

## ASSAILS IMPERIALIST DRIVE

Pointing to "the deepening class struggle in the capitalist world," Prestes said that "imperialism is trying to regroup its forces" with the aim of "smashing the workers' movement at home," to "massacre the colonial peoples rebelling against suppression" and to break the unity of the three great powers. Concerning the program of the labor movement, he asserted:

"Nothing could be more against the interests of the workers than a sectarian attitude which tends to separate them from other social groups who are disposed to fight for peace and a progressive solution to the complex problems of the post-war."

Prestes charged that "imperialist aggressions" were the origin of recent military coups in Venezuela



PRESTES

and Brazil, the unsuccessful coup in Panama and the "anti-democratic agitation" of the Aprista party in Peru.

He asserted that U. S. Assistant Secretary of State Braden's "love for democracy" is very suspect, as his interest in the fate of the Argentine people, because he says nothing against the Morinigo dictatorship in Paraguay, nor the friendly relations maintained by the U. S. government with Franco Spain.

# Cattle Owners Call For End of Ceilings

DENVER, Jan. 13 (UP).—The American National Livestock Association, at the close of its 49th annual convention, yesterday voted a resolution urging that Congress discontinue beef subsidy payments and eliminate all price ceilings on beef products.

**hurry! hurry! hurry!**

Yes, today's the day! All over New York, wide-awake folks are pushing the clock to rush to Jefferson School... to register for that course they positively are going to take this term. Remember, many courses fill up fast. For instance:

Labor Journalism	Helen Kingery	The Soviet Union in Films	William Mandel
The American Revolution, the Constitution, and Jeffersonian Democracy	Francis Franklin	Comedy in Shakespeare	Dr. Annette Rubinstein
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# In this corner

A Few Thoughts on That Pro Grid War

Bill Mardo

The open and still blossoming war between the National Football League and the newly-established All-America Conference has now reached a point where nobody knows what to expect next in the way of "raids," resignations and franchise transfers from one city to another.

To make the chaotic picture complete, all we have to hear now is that the NFL has decided to start its season in mid-winter just to



ELMER LAYDEN

get a jump on the opposing loop! Seriously though, this business does warrant some thoughtful consideration. Suppose we briefly revive some of the developments that have taken place with such stunning suddenness the past few days. Last Thursday night, the Yanks Football club of the AA, owned by Dan Topping, announced it had just lured the highly talented Frankie Sinkwich away from the Detroit Lions with a salary offer estimated at roughly 12-gees.

It was to be expected that the NFL moguls would start shouting "raid"—and this they did all to no avail. For it was becoming quickly apparent that the new AA bigwigs meant business in the way of laying its hands on all the star talent it could get. Through the medium of fat salaries, which quite naturally appeals to any working griddier, the AA has succeeded in lining up a goodly share of big name attractions. Such stalwarts as Angelo Bertilli, Norm Standles, Pug Manders, Ace Parker, Frank Sasche, George and Bruiser Kinard, Jim Thibaut, Nate Johnson and many others have signed up with the All-America loop.

The day after Sinkwich joined up with AA, the NFL announced that its commissioner Elmer Layden had "resigned." What actually happened is that at a secret meeting here last week, Layden couldn't get a vote of confidence for a contract renewal as NFL prexy. Chosen to succeed Layden was Bert Bell, former owner of the Philly Eagles and more recently co-owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers with Art Rooney.

Layden was probably bounced because the NFL money-men feared he was a wee too close to some of the boys in the opposing outfit. And neither did they have any assurances from Layden that he was against the formation of a new pro grid league. Hence the heave-ho. But we fear the NFL hasn't heard the last from its former commissioner.

The NFL had been purely on the defensive up to this point . . . that is, until late Saturday night when its championship club, the Cleveland Rams, transferred its transfer to Los Angeles. There were two angles to this move: firstly, not to leave the All-America Conference entry in L. A. with an open field; and secondly, to try and grab off the tremendous Los Angeles Coliseum as its home park. That the NFL and its Rams aren't altogether asleep, can be gleaned from the fact that Bob Waterfield has a tremendous following on the West Coast, where he starred for UCLA.

## Utes Saddle the Cowboys!

By PHIL GORDON

Nary a soul in the sellout Garden crowd Saturday night was surprised by NYU's 63-33 rout over game though inept Brooklyn College. But the fans were treated to the unexpected spectacle of seeing City College forced to go all-out to pull away from a determined Manhattan quintet, 53-45.

Faced by Johnny Byrnes, the Jaspers nosed out to a 20-14 lead before City began to find itself and when the first half ended, Nat Holman's boys were trailing by one point, 20-19. But the Jaspers' inexperience began to tell in the second period, and brothers Jameson, Schmones and Broenberg salted the game away.

It was still a lot tougher than many folks expected it to be.

And what do you think of the way that driving red-hot Utah team knocked Wyoming's talented Cowboys from the unbeaten ranks with a 45-31 upset Saturday night?

Considered perhaps the very best team in the nation, the Cowboys were smothered under an

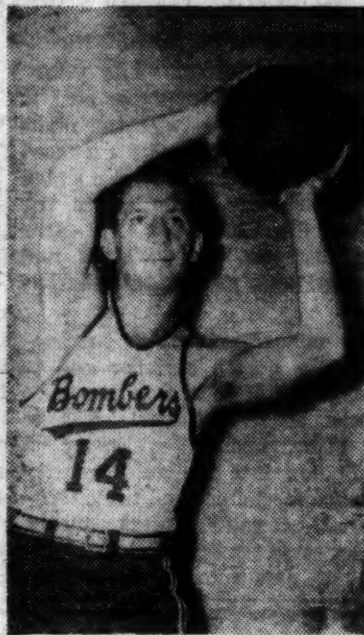
early Utah barrage and threatened only once, tying the count at 27-all midway through the second half. But the Utes recovered and pulled steadily away from Messrs. Sailors, Komenich and Co.

Led by big Harry Boykoff, St. John's had a field day of it against tiny St. Joseph's at Convention Hall in Philly Saturday night. Boykoff banked eight field goals and a like number of fouls for 24 points before he was removed from action in the final two minutes. But he really wasn't needed any longer—you see the Redmen only won by a mere 29 points—62-33.

Clair Bee's LIU-men were beaten for the second straight time this week—bowling to Muhlenberg 46-35 in another Saturday night out-of-town shindig.

Army suffered its first hoop setback in three years Saturday night on the West Point court, losing 70-46 to the tall Colgate cagers.

## He'll Play at St. Nick's for GM Strikers



Sy Boardman is player-coach of the Wilmington Bombers who tangle with the New York Gothams at St. Nick's Arena next Sunday night for the benefit of the GM strikers.

The former NYU star recently broke the American Basketball League's high-scoring record, by collaring 30 points against Trenton two weeks ago.

Get your tickets now! They can be purchased at the Workers Bookshop, 50 East 13th Street; the Jefferson School, 575 Avenue of the Americas and your trade union hall. Prices of the tickets range from \$1.20-\$2.40. Get yours now!

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show  
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman  
WOR—News—Prescott Robinson  
WABC—Amanda—Sketch  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger  
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test Quiz  
WABC—Second Husband  
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch  
WOR—Take It Easy Time  
WJZ—Home Edition  
WABC—A Woman's Life—Sketch  
WMCA—News; Studio Orchestra  
WQXR—Concert Music  
11:45-WEAF—David Harum  
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr  
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk  
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News  
WOR—News Reports  
WJZ—Glamour Menor  
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chats  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music  
12:15-WEAF—Maggi McNeill—Talk  
WOR—Richard Maxwell  
WABC—Big Sister  
12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet  
WOR—News; Answer Man  
WJZ—News; Woman's Exchange  
WABC—Helen Trent  
12:45-WEAF—Music of Manhattan  
WABC—Our Gal Sunday  
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR—Mealtime Melodies  
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage  
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WLIB—Clifford Evans  
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WJZ—Constance Bennett  
WABC—Ma Perkins—Sketch  
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra  
WJZ—Helen Drake  
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Music  
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News  
WOR—John J. Anthony  
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch  
WMCA—Studio Orchestra

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light  
WOR—News; Music  
WJZ—John B. Kennedy  
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Music  
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children  
WJZ—Ethel and Albert  
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch  
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White  
WOR—Queen for a Day  
WJZ—Bride and Groom  
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch  
WQXR—Request Music  
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch  
WABC—Tena and Tim  
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America  
WOR—Martha Deane Program  
WJZ—Al Pearce Show  
WABC—Time to Remember  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Request Music  
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins  
WABC—This Is New York  
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young  
WOR—News—John Gambling  
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness  
WABC—Landi Trio  
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife  
WOR—Better Half—Matinee  
WJZ—Jack Berch Show  
WABC—House Party  
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs  
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee  
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch  
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds  
4:25-WABC—News Reports  
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones

## A Great Runner Came Back to the Boards Sat. Nite

By BILL MARDO

Leslie MacMitchell is a most remarkable athlete. No ordinary runner could have duplicated Mac's feat at the Grover Cleveland A.C. games Saturday night. For his first

high gear for the last turn around the boards, and won going away by 20-yards.

It was a grand showing—and perhaps the most significant thing about it was that MacMitchell was in no ways spent by his first bit of competition in three years. He looked strong, confident, and almost completely devoid of the sea-legs which many thought would plague him during the early indoor season.

To a man, I think, the folks in the Armory were loudly observing: "Poor Jim Rafferty . . . it looks like he won his last mile race." It certainly does appear that the game old veteran who had himself a field-day while the best millers were absent from competition, has indeed seen the last of his holidays. Against a MacMitchell who is surprisingly close to a lot of his pre-war form, Rafferty doesn't stand a chance in the world. The bigger question is: how will Mac do against the Frenchman Marcel Hansenne, who recently outran Gunder Hagg and who is coming here for the February mile events.

At any rate it's certainly good to have him back again. He's all artist, that boy.

## RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.  
WEAF—660 Kc.  
WOR—710 Kc.  
WJZ—770 Kc.  
WNYC—320 Kc.  
WABC—330 Kc.  
WINS—1010 Kc.

WEVD—1330 Kc.  
WNEW—1130 Kc.  
WLIB—1280 Kc.  
WHN—1550 Kc.  
WOV—1230 Kc.  
WINT—1490 Kc.  
WQXR—1550 Kc.

WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy  
WJZ—Shelley Mydana  
WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs  
WMCA—News; Music  
4:45-WEAF—Young Wilder Brown  
WJZ—Hop Harrigan  
WABC—Feature Story  
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries  
WOR—Uncle Don  
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates  
WABC—School of the Air  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Music  
5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life  
WOR—Dick Tracy  
WJZ—Let's Listen to a Story  
WQXR—Today in Music  
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill  
WOR—Carnegie Midnight  
WJZ—Jack Armstrong  
WABC—Cimarron Tavern—Sketch  
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
WQXR—On Wings of Song  
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell  
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix  
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch  
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk  
WQXR—Man About Town

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports  
WOR—Adela Rogers St. John  
WJZ—News; Kiernan's News Corner  
WABC—News—Quincy Howe  
WMCA—News; Talk; Music  
WQXR—News; Music  
6:15-WEAF—Serenade to America  
WOR—Men on the Street  
WJZ—Here's Morgan  
WABC—James Carroll, Tenor  
6:30-WQXR—News; Dinner Concert  
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandewater  
WJZ—News; Sports Talk  
WABC—Eileen Farrell, Songs  
WMCA—Racing Results  
6:40-WEAF—Sports; Bill Stern  
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas  
WOR—Sports—Stan Lenax  
WJZ—Cal Tinney  
WABC—Recorded Music  
WABC—The World Today, News  
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club Variety  
WOR—Pulton Lewis, Jr.  
WJZ—Headline Edition  
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show  
WMCA—News; Jack Egan  
WQXR—News; Lisa Sergio  
7:15-WEAF—News of the World  
WOR—The Answer Man  
WJZ—Raymond Swing—News  
WABC—Jack Smith Show  
WMCA—Five Star Final  
WQXR—Alfredo Seville, Baritone  
7:30-WEAF—Red Barber Star Revue  
WOR—Frank Singiser, News  
WJZ—Lone Ranger  
WABC—Bob Hawk Show  
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh  
WQXR—Treasury of Music  
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn  
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt  
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs  
WHN—Johnnes Steel  
8:00-WEAF—Cavalcade of America  
WOR—Bulldog Drummond  
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner  
WABC—Vox Pop Interviews  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall  
8:15-WJZ—Hedda Hopper  
8:30-WEAF—Gladys Swarthout, Soprano  
WJZ—Variety Musicale  
WABC—Joan Davis Show  
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Josef Hofmann, Piano  
WOR—Gabriel Heatter  
WJZ—Maupin Orchestra  
WABC—Radio Theatre  
WMCA—News; Amateur Hour  
WQXR—World-Wide News Review  
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories  
WQXR—Great Names  
9:30-WEAF—Information Please  
WOR—Spotlight Bands  
WJZ—Hayes' Orchestra  
WQXR—Record Rarities  
9:55-WJZ—News Reports  
10:00-WEAF—Joan Edwards, Songs; Earl  
Wrightson, Baritone; Faith Or-  
chestra; Others  
WOR—Henry J. Taylor  
WJZ—Steel Institute, Talk  
WABC—Screen Guild Play  
WMCA—News; Boxing Matches  
WQXR—News; Opera Favorites  
10:15-WOR—John Gart Trio  
WJZ—Cliff Edwards, Songs  
10:30-WEAF—Doctor I. Q.—Quiz  
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## Film Front

## WHY THE DELAY IN RELEASING NAVY FILM, 'NEGRO SAILOR'?

by David Platt

WHAT'S happened to the U. S. Navy motion picture *The Negro Sailor* which was completed at Columbia Studios more than six months ago? Why is it taking so long to reach the public? Letters to the Navy Department in Washington inquiring about the film go unanswered, leading to the suspicion that Navy does not want *The Negro Sailor* shown publicly. This is the time to promote the film and spread its message across the land—now when vicious rags like the N. Y. Daily News are trying to whip up race riots among GIs overseas. Let's have some action on *The Negro Sailor*.



Let's also press for an early release of the new War Department film *Teamwork*, a sequel to *The Negro Soldier*. Carlton Moss, who wrote the script, informs me that the picture is now ready for release. Moss made a trip to the battle fronts of Europe last year to photograph Negro troops in action. The film is based on that experience.

Moss writes: "Teamwork is a story of men working together. It's a record of the Negro and white American soldier's answer to the German propaganda—divide and conquer. Slight as it is, I am sure that this film record can be a positive force in this period of racial tension."

Six months from now these films may be too late to be of service. The War and Navy Departments should be held strictly to account for any further delay in promoting and circulating these pictures to the nation's theatres.

Father Bing Crosby is being cast in *Comin' Through the Rye*, a Paramount film. It's not a sequel to *Last Weekend*, but the story of the Scottish poet Robert Burns. . . . Columnist Irving Hoffman is hunting for a book purported to have been written by a Kentucky writer many years ago. It's supposed to have this title: "An accurate, impartial and unbiased history of the civil war, written from a southern viewpoint." Sounds like a perfect vehicle for Sam Wood or Cecil DeMille. . . . Lester Cowan, producer of *Tomorrow the World* and *Story of G. I. Joe*, both excellent films, is said to be interested in screening the life story of the great Chinese Democrat Sun Yat-sen. . . . The Communist Party (U.S.A.) will soon have its own film producing unit.

## Chaplin, Sinclair Hail Dreiser

LOS ANGELES.—Charles Chaplin, world-famous screen star, told reporters that Theodore Dreiser's "influence will be missed among all freedom-loving people."

Chaplin said: "In the passing of Theodore Dreiser the world has lost one of its most distinguished men of letters and one of its outstanding liberals. His influence will be missed among all freedom loving people."

GENTLE PERSON  
"He was a great American, a fearless fighter in the cause of the justice and in the cause of the underprivileged—a magnificent spirit, yet with it all a sweet, gentle person of whom America can be proud."

Guy Endore, novelist and screen writer, said:

"It was characteristic of Dreiser that he should live in a concrete house instead of the usual California chicken wire stucco. He had a mighty hatred for all sham. It was characteristic of him that he should have to consult his friends as to what price he should ask a national magazine for a two-part series."

## Martha Graham's Dance Company Opens Jan. 21

S. Hurok announces the first two-week season for Martha Graham and her dance company to open Jan. 21 at the Plymouth Theatre. A repertoire of the top successes of recent seasons will be highlighted by the premiere of a new work with score by the Mexican composer-conductor, Carlos Chavez. Mail orders are already being accepted at the box office of the Plymouth Theatre on West 45th Street.

## Theodore Dreiser, in Long Career, Always Dug to Roots of Things

By ESTHER McCOY

(Miss McCoy was a personal friend of Theodore Dreiser during the latter years of his life.)

LOS ANGELES.—Just after Theodore Dreiser joined the Communist Party he was showing me a magazine that he edited in 1894.

It was a trade magazine got out by a music publisher, and you might have supposed

that the promising young editor would have written an editorial slanted toward the people who would read it. No. He wrote on the flagrant inequities in Russia and predicted the early overthrow of the Czars.

"But," he said in explanation, "you can't get the kind of education I had without developing. I shined stoves and drove a laundry wagon and collected for a time-payment house. I saw a lot then, and when I began to work for newspapers I got a first-hand view of the way capitalists treated the people."

This work was in the Chicago of Multimillionaire Yerkes, the McCormick strike and Haymarket riots—a Chicago overripe with terrorism and corruption, with violent contrasts between wealth and squalor.

He went often to interview Yerkes on his plans for Chicago, and later he wrote a trilogy based on his life—"The Financier," "The Titan," and the recently completed third volume, "The Stoic." He found in Yerkes what he later found in Woolworth, an insatiable hunger for money and power.

"And when they got it they didn't know what to do with it," he said.

## COVERED STRIKES

From Chicago to St. Louis to Pittsburgh he covered strikes—streetcar, steel, many others—and he began to see that Chicago was no different from other cities in its brutalities and denial of human rights. And finally when he got to New York and saw the last word in contrast between idleness and drudgery he was ready to say something.

"I was glad when I was fired from *The World*. There was a fight in one of the bars of the big hotels between two society 'names.' The city editor told me not to come back if I didn't get it."

Dreiser didn't want to get the story. Because he knew there was another story back of it that he couldn't write.

He would get a telephone call at night asking him to come to some town where there was a strike. Once there was a steel strike where a striker was killed. The body was hidden, because the steel company thought that a funeral at that time would focus attention on the injustices against which the workers were striking. The strike committee called Dreiser to come up and help them find the body of their dead comrade. He came.

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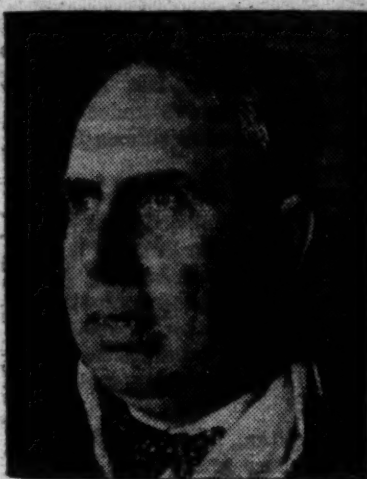
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THEODORE DREISER

local newspaper. They took his hand and said, "Mr. Dreiser, this is an honor," but when they heard what he had come for they said "You've worked on a newspaper, Mr. Dreiser. You know how it goes."

Dreiser hammered away at them until they actually wrote something about the missing body.

Then he went to the local minister and said, "This is your business, isn't it? The man is dead. The authorities won't give up the body to the widow." And he hammered at them until they began to see that the widow's rights were their concern.

## DOWN TO HARLAN COUNTY

When he went down to Harlan county in 1931 it was the same thing. He went up to the mine owners and asked them questions. There was a hearing and he hammered away at the mine owners.

Little papers all over the country talked about Dreiser being there was his business. He was always asking officials, "By what right do you do this?"

Spain was his business. He went to Spain and watched the Loyalist wounded being loaded into open cars to be shipped into France. And later in Paris at a meeting when it be-

came obvious that he was going to speak honestly about the rape of Spain, an attempt was made to sidetrack him. They pushed his and asked editorially: "What business is it of his?"

But it was his business.

In 1932 Mooney was his business. And the Red squad in Los Angeles place further back on the program until the meeting began to break up. He got up and walked to the front of the platform and said "Wait! I've got something to say about Spain," and they came back and waited.

He said the only thing that day that was said about what was really happening in Spain, and the papers printed it.

"Why did you join the Communist Party?" I asked.

"I've always been a Communist. Joining was a mere formality," he said. "What I saw in the Soviet Union in 1928 was enough to convince me that the only answer is a people's government. I've never wavered in my belief in the Soviet Union. The way they fought the Germans was only as a great united people could fight. I'm glad to identify myself with that spirit."

## Film Critics' Awards to Be Aired Jan. 20

Ingrid Bergman will re-enact a scene from *The Bells of St. Mary's* and Ray Milland will discuss his role in *The Lost Weekend* with Billy Wilder, director, when the stars receive their New York Film Critics' awards during the WJZ-ABC broadcasts of the Radio Hall of Fame next Sunday, Jan. 20, at 6 p. m., EST.

Paul Whiteman, conductor, and Martha Tilton, featured singer, will greet the two movie luminaries during the first of a series of Radio Hall of Fame broadcasts to originate in Hollywood.

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# Get Us Home, China GIs Demand

## TROOPS IN KOREA RAISE FUNDS FOR ADS IN U.S.

GI demonstrations against demobilization policy have now spread to China, key spot in the American intervention picture. Six hundred GIs massed in Shanghai Saturday to declare that need for American troops in China no longer exists and to demand theater de-activation and demobilization.

The GIs were fed up with risking their lives for Chiang Kai-shek and—as a recent letter from Shanghai put it “just because a lot of capitalists at home are making fortunes on war profiteering.”

The letter, dated Nov. 27, appeared recently in the Youngstown, Ohio, *Vindicator*. Written by Lt. Gen. Williams, it shows why Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer was disappointed in the boast he had made earlier Saturday that GIs in his theater were satisfied.

### SIGHT-SEEING FLIERS

“The outfit to which I am attached is so unnecessary,” Lt. Williams wrote, “that all we’re doing is flying a sight-seeing airline for the GIs. That’s a fact! We flew the Chinese armies (94th and 16th) with all their equipment and ammunition, to the places which would make it most convenient for them (the Nationalists) to wage war on the Communists. (I understand you’re being told that we’re not in any way interfering with the battle!)”

“Marines at Peiping and Tientsin are guarding bridges and railroads over which war materials (mostly donated by the U. S.) are being shipped to the Nationalists.

“Now they have the U. S. flyers ferrying P-51’s and various planes from Kunming to Shanghai through the fiercest weather on earth. Eleven of 22 P-51 pilots who started last week failed to get through.

“What are you folks at home doing to stop this foolish, needless waste of American lives? If you’re not doing anything, some day the lucky ones of us who get home will demand a full explanation. Believe me, someone is going to suffer for it! We who are flying unarmed transports through small-arms fire from the Communists, while flying the stuff in to the Nationalists, aren’t so eager to risk our lives in such nonsense, just because a lot of capitalists at home are making fortunes on war profiteering.

“It’s up to all of you to see that we’re not forced to stay here and fight an international revolt that is none of our business.

“Bitterness among the troops here is reaching a high pitch, and sooner or later things are going to pop wide open.”

**SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 13 (UP).—**U. S. soldiers in Korea yesterday raised a fund of \$2,100 to buy advertisements in the Washington Post protesting the slowness of demobilization.

The fund committee was headed by Sergeant Alexander Roberts of New York, former Acme newspic-

tures photographer now a combat cameraman, who won the Bronze Star on Ie Shima last April for leading litter bearers under fire to the body of columnist Ernie Pyle.

**FAIRFIELD, Cal., Jan. 13 (UP).—**Nearly 1,000 enlisted men of the Fairfield - Suisun Army Air base petitioned Congress for an “immediate and thorough examination of the Army separation system, which they termed a failure because of ‘uncertainty, ambiguity and equivocation.’”

The petition, addressed yesterday to the House and Senate Military Affairs Committee, severely criticized the Army for failing to keep General George C. Marshall’s promise to release two-year men late this winter.

**HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 13 (UP).—**Three-thousand GIs in a mass-meeting at Fort Shafter yesterday officially authorized Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Commanding General of the Mid-Pacific, to select an eight-man delegation to represent their views or the demobilization “slowdown” before the Senate subcommittee on military affairs.

The meeting, climax a week of demonstrations here, was orderly and heard speakers call for a March 20 release for men with two years service, Post-VJ-day point accumulations, and a ten point drop in the monthly quota.

Gen. Richardson ordered transportation provided to the meeting and permitted posting of announcement bulletins. The meeting was organized by the Oahu servicemen’s committee for speedier demobilization.

**TOKYO, Jan. 13 (UP).—**Reduction of point scores determining the eligibility for the redeployment of officers and enlisted men under Gen. Douglas MacArthur’s command was announced today following a similar directive by Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Commander of Army Forces in the Middle Pacific.

Under MacArthur’s directive all enlisted army personnel in his command who have 38 months of service or 48 points will become eligible for shipment home. Male officers are eligible with 68 points or 47 months service.

MacArthur’s directive described the lowering of point requirements as a “means of insuring full use of shipping space and replacement depot facilities.”

“It is desired if possible that no ship return to the United States with an empty berth,” said the order, which was issued to all commands.

## CIO Attacks ‘Pearl’ Smear Against FDR

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—**The CIO today attacked the Senate Pearl Harbor investigation both as “an attempted smear on the memory” of Roosevelt and as political jockeying to delay action on necessary labor and social legislation.

In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley (D-Ky) CIO Legislative Director Nathan Cowan declared that “it is high time this mockery of an investigation was stopped and the Senate encouraged to go to work on issues of concern to the people, rather than the politicians.” He called specifically for repeal of the polltax, passage of the 65-75 cent minimum wage law and creation of a permanent FEPC as examples of needed legislation.

He described the Pearl Harbor investigation as “election campaign strategy on the part of the Republican Party aimed at confusing the voters in time for November, 1946.”

“Unfortunately,” he said, “several Senators on the majority side seem determined to continue to appease the Republican and other enemies of the late President Roosevelt even though it involves still further stalling on needed social legislation.”

## LaGuardia Hits Sales Tax Plan

Florence H. LaGuardia yesterday said that the proposal to increase the sales tax to pay for subway rehabilitation leaves the “door open now for increased fare before very long.”

Speaking over WJZ on his regular weekly noon spot, the former Mayor stated that the sales tax would not relieve the present deficit which amounts to about \$50,000,000 annually. He also noted that the proposed tax has also been claimed for helping housing difficulties as well. “No can do,” he said, adding that such revenues can’t be used for two things at once.

He read a letter from a 39 year old veteran who served overseas for 23 months and is now looking desperately for a job. The veteran mentioned that he wept in his “little furnished room every evening.” LaGuardia said, “I think the country owes this man something.”

## Congress Retreshed But Will It Listen?

By ROB F. HALL

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—**In preparation for the re-opening of Congress tomorrow, Congressmen have been returning over the weekend to a Capitol which the weekly U.S. Chamber of Commerce bulletin describes as “filled with confusion and uncertainty.”

We would go along with that description up to a point. The position of the Truman Administration has been widely advertised by the President, himself, Big Business and the NAM have not bothered to conceal their immediate aims, and labor, of course, has its program. Therefore there is no confusion or uncertainty as to where any of these stand.

The uncertainty involves those Senators and Representatives who are not closely identified with either labor, the Administration, or the NAM. They have been home for several weeks. How they will vote on the important legislation coming up during the first weeks of the session will depend largely on whom they saw and heard when they were home.

If labor, progressives and the Negro people talked turkey to them, the outlook for solid legislation is hopeful. But if the Big Business crowd monopolized their time and attention, we can expect the worst.

### THE ISSUES

Here, in brief, are the issues with which Congress must deal:

1.—**DEMILITARIZATION.**—President Truman didn’t deal with it at any length in his fireside chat, but Congressmen have received many more letters and telegrams on this subject than they have on the President’s program. GI demonstrations have posed the problem sharply.

The CIO, AFL, Farmers Union, AYD, and other organizations have demanded action to get the boys home and out of uniform. A joint informal session of Congress is slated for Tuesday to hear Eisenhower discuss the problem. Pans for committee hearings are going forward rapidly.

At this writing there is no definite agreement among progressive circles on what kind of legislation is needed. Generally, however, progressives favor a bill which would release all fathers and all men with two years service.

2.—**ANTI-STRIKE LEGISLATION.**—The Administration will press for the President’s fact-finding and cool-off legislation, embodied in the Norton-Ellender bill. The most reactionary sections of Big Business will push for the Ball-Burton-Hatch bill, which is even more vicious and which has been attached to the Norton-Ellender bill as an amendment. And, of course, Big Business insists on eliminating

make it and joking, with that grim humor of army men, about the treatment we shared in common as members of American minorities.”

They agreed that fascism would be destroyed only when Billboism was wiped out in America.

Johnson returned to the United States in July, last, being transferred immediately to the Rhodes General Hospital for continuation of treatments for his old wounds. He was released on Jan. 8, but his body still carries fragments from an exploding shell. He has a wife and a small daughter in New York

the authority of the government to open corporation books.

### THE ‘COMPROMISE’ THREAT

A hue and cry against labor will come from those quarters notoriously hostile to labor, plugging for the most rigid control of unions and for outlawing strikes. The President’s original bill will then be urged as a “compromise” and as the only means of saving labor from something considerably worse. Labor will not fall for this, but there are lots of well-meaning Congressmen who might, unless the people back home keep up the pressure against all anti-labor legislation.

3.—**PERMANENT FEPC.**—Action is expected early in the session on this legislation, perhaps within a couple of weeks. The campaign which has been conducted by labor, progressives and the Negro people has created conditions which observers here feel are highly favorable for its enactment. Persons close to the Administration have assured FEPC supporters that President Truman and Bob Hannegan will work for its adoption. They hope to keep the filibuster in the Senate confined to Bilbo and two or three other Bourbons, it is said, and at least “get a vote on the merits of the bill.”

### THE BILBO FILIBUSTER

There will be a Senate filibuster, of course, and it is doubtful whether Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) will succeed in his efforts to prevent it by an early cloture vote. Some FEPC backers are even opposed to early cloture. “Let the Bilbos talk,” they say. “Let them expose their un-Americanism before the people. It won’t hurt the bill.”

Whether that is good strategy or not, it should be borne in mind that the discredited Bourbons are not the only enemies of FEPC. To an important section of reactionary Big Business anything that lessens discrimination against Negroes is anathema. Friends of the bill must be prepared for a stiff fight, and they cannot rely on Truman or Hannegan to wage their battle for them.

That is why the FEPC delegations to Washington scheduled for Jan. 17 are so important. If the army of delegates are backed up by telegrams and letters from the folks at home, there is an excellent chance that a permanent FEPC will be adopted.

4.—**COST OF LIVING.**—The Administration is expected to yield step by step to the pressure of Big Business for price increases. Secretary of Agriculture Clint Anderson’s recommendation of higher butter prices is a case in point. White House pressure on OPA for a \$4 per ton increase in steel prices is expected to be followed by similar action on other commodities more directly affecting the cost of living. OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, who insists on holding the line, will continue to fight a losing fight unless he gets real support from the people.

5.—**OTHER ISSUES.**—The 65-75 cent minimum wage law, and legislation on the poll tax, housing and health, are living issues. The President is committed to raising the legal minimum wage but has not specifically mentioned the 65 cent figure. It is reported that he favors a 55 cent minimum. In any event, successful action still depends on organized pressure.

## Negro GI Who Served with Niseis, to Be At Lenin Rally

By ENGEL GORDON

Sgt. Howard “Stretch” Johnson of the 599th Field Artillery Battalion—he will be among the veterans to be welcomed at the Lenin memorial meeting in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night—had been transferred with his outfit to the 442nd Nisei Regiment. Both units belonged to the 92nd Division. The Negro battalion was now to provide artillery support for the Japanese-American regiment.

It happened that Johnson received a copy of *The Worker* on the very day of the transfer. He was reading in *The Worker* magazine a story about the Nisei—which is Japanese for “first generation”—when one of these first-generation Japanese Americans, looking over

the Negro sergeant’s shoulder, exclaimed, “Say, there’s my picture!”

The Garden rally will open tomorrow (Tues.) at 7:30 p.m. Featured speakers are William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, Eugene Dennis, member of the CP national secretariat, Bob Thompson, New York State CP chairman, and Claudia Jones, Negro affairs editor of the *Daily Worker*. Hal Simon will act as chairman. A dramatic production “Report on the 152nd Day” will be narrated by Canada Lee. Half the meeting’s net proceeds will be donated to strike funds.

The story was illustrated with

photos of himself and another Nisei sitting beside Johnson. The Japanese-American anti-fascist fighters borrowed the magazine. It passed from hand to hand until the last man in the regiment had read it.

“I found some wonderful fellows in that outfit,” Johnson said yesterday, adding that we did not properly appreciate them on their anti-fascist contributions. One of them, Sagi Hishioaka, was among the Nisei whose names were erased from the honor roll of servicemen at Hood River, Oregon, by the American Legion.

“We were both wounded on April 6, 1945, and taken together to the 64th General Hospital. We spent many an hour talking about America as it is and as we would try to